

2. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner casing further comprises side wall means connected to the cover at its first cross-section and to the back wall, the chamber being defined by the internal surfaces of the back wall, the cover and the side wall means.

3. An insect trap as claimed in claim 2, wherein the outer casing has a closed end opposite to its opening, and the inner casing has a cross-section which complements that of the outer casing in such a manner that the inner casing is a close fit within the outer casing at least at the opening of the outer casing, the cover tapering towards the back wall of the inner casing, and the back wall of the inner casing being positioned adjacent to the closed end of the outer casing.

4. An insect trap as claimed in claim 3, wherein the source is positioned between the back wall of the inner casing and the closed end of the outer casing.

5. An insect trap as claimed in claim 3, wherein the cover is integrally formed with the back wall and the side wall means.

6. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the source is a light source.

7. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the source is an ultraviolet light source.

8. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer casing has a generally square cross-section, and the cover takes the form of a square-based pyramid.

9. An insect trap as claimed in claim 8, wherein the entry port is substantially square.

10. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer casing has a substantially rectangular cross-section, and the cover is frustoconical.

11. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer casing has an irregular shape, and the cover is frustoconical.

12. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the entry port is substantially rectangular, circular or elliptical.

13. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the entry port takes the form of an elongate opening defined by angled portions of the cover and internal side wall means.

14. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer casing is made of a material that is substantially opaque to electromagnetic radiation having the frequency of the source.

15. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover and the back wall of the inner casing are made of a plastics material transparent to electromagnetic radiation having the frequency of the source.

16. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover and the back wall of the inner casing are made of an acrylic plastics material transparent to electromagnetic radiation having the frequency of the source.

17. An insect trap as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer casing is generally cylindrical in configuration, having an annular opening in its cylindrical side wall, the annular opening defining the opening of the outer casing, the inner casing having a tubular compartment, an annular top wall and an annular bottom wall, and the cover being constituted by a pair of frustoconical cover plates which converge towards one another to define an annular entry port which surrounds the tubular compartment, and wherein the source is positioned within the tubular compartment.

18. An insect trap as claimed in claim 17, wherein the trap is of modular construction, having a plurality of trap portions.

19. An insect trap as claimed in claim 18, wherein the trap has four portions, each having the cross-section of a quadrant of a circle.

20. An insect trap comprising an enclosure having a tapering wall which tapers inwardly and defines an insect entry opening, and a source of electromagnetic radiation positioned within the enclosure, and further comprising means for deterring insects from leaving the chamber via the entry opening, the deterrent means being positioned adjacent to the entry opening.

21. An insect trap as claimed in claim 20, wherein the deterrent means is constituted by a plurality of substantially parallel electrodes, adjacent electrodes being of opposite polarity, and the electrodes being spaced apart in such a manner that insects of species commonly regarded as pests can simultaneously touch at least two electrodes of opposite polarity, the electrodes being positioned within the enclosure, on inner surfaces of the tapering wall adjacent to the insect entry opening.

22. An insect trap as claimed in claim 21, wherein the electrodes are spaced apart by a distance lying within the range of from 0.5 mm to 2.5 mm.

23. An insect trap as claimed in claim 22, wherein the electrode spacing is substantially 1 mm.

24. An insect trap as claimed in claim 21, wherein the width of each of the electrodes lies within the range of from 0.5 mm to 2.5 mm.

25. An insect trap as claimed in claim 24, wherein the width of each of the electrodes is substantially 1 mm.

26. An insect trap as claimed in claim 21, wherein the electrodes are provided with means for connection to an alternating current mains supply.

27. An insect trap as claimed in claim 26, further comprising current limiting means for limiting the current supplied to the electrodes.

28. An insect trap as claimed in claim 27, wherein the current limiting means is such that insects that contact the deterrent means are stunned or disorientated.

29. An insect trap as claimed in claim 20, wherein the enclosure is defined by an outer casing and an inner casing, the inner casing being mounted within the outer casing and having a back wall opposite the tapering wall, the cover tapering from a first cross-section which matches that of the opening of the outer casing to a second cross-section to define the insect entry port, at least the back wall and the cover of the inner casing being made of a material that is substantially transparent to electromagnetic radiation having the frequency of the source, and the source being positioned within the outer casing, and outside the inner casing, so as to be visible from the open end of the outer casing through the cover

30. An insect trap as claimed in claim 29, wherein the source is an ultraviolet light source.

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